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TO : Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates      DATE: 5 July 1950

FROM : Chief, Publications Division

SUBJECT: Meeting on Munitions Board Request for Commodity Purchase  
Studies, 28 June 1950

REFERENCE: AD/ORE memo to Service Agencies; Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
Joint Staff; Director, Staff, Munitions Board; dated 20 June 1950,  
subject: "Munitions Board Request for Studies of Soviet Purchases  
of Selected Commodities"

25X1A9a 1. All of the agencies addressed in reference memo sent representatives.  
[REDACTED], D/EE and [REDACTED], D/EC were present. Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
[REDACTED], D/Pub was chairman.

25X1A9a 2. There was general agreement on the importance of the project and  
apparent willingness on the part of those present to support and endorse it.  
Although the endorsement of JIG (as stated in a memo to DCI from the Acting  
Deputy Director for Intelligence, the Joint Staff) was noted, JIG was apparently  
not prepared to go much beyond the "moral support" contained in that memo, at  
least during the first phase of the study.

3. There was extended discussion of the technical aspects of the project,  
of which D/Pub made note, and at the close of the meeting there appeared to be  
general agreement on the scope of the problem and the general procedure to be  
adopted.

4. It was agreed to use 1 January 1954 as M-day.

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5. The suggestion that [REDACTED] be used as one of the guides for the  
wartime estimate received tentative approval.

6. It was also agreed that the study of "peacetime requirements" should  
be completed before undertaking the "wartime requirements" except that pre-  
liminary planning for the latter should be made.

7. The Munitions Board representative was well satisfied with the progress  
thus far. Their interest is only in the first phase. Although the schedule of  
production was apparently satisfactory, it may prove desirable to provide the  
Munitions Board with a separate brief report in advance of final publication if  
the latter is delayed beyond the deadline at present contemplated.

8. It was the view of those present that a direct request upon the agencies  
for support was needed to supplement the memo of 20 June. A proposed memorandum  
is attached.

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